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The Local Christmas Trade.

The facts that the holiday trade in
Wheeling has been unprecedented this
year, that it is estimated that more
money was expended for Christmas
goods than for years, and a better class
of goods sold, the rush of customers
with well filled purses, desirous of bet-
ter goods than have been asked for
heretofore, being greater than in recent
years, are good signs of the general
condition of prosperity in Wheeling.
These assertions are made upon the tes-
timony of leading merchants who were
quoted in yesterday's Intelligencer. All
lines of retail trade have been benefited,
and the most sanguine merchants de-
clare that their holiday sales far ex-
ceeded their expectations.

These facts demonstrate more strik-
ingly than anything else could that
there is a better feeling among the peo-
ple generally, particularly the working
classes; a year's steady work in all
branches of industry has insured them
a good Christmas, and they have gen-
erously made it a good one for their
families. The heavy expenditures for
presents are not all by the wealthier
classes, but the purchasers have been,
the great masses of them, from the
mills, the factories, and from the wage-
earning classes in general, while their
purchases have been of the substantial
character, which evidences the good
judgment displayed.

While this good holiday trade means
that a merry Christmas will visit the
homes of more people this year than
for some years past, it is likewise sig-
nificant of the greater prosperity in the
city during the year which is drawing
to a close. All around it is most grati-
fying. Let us mind, in this connection,
that while this prosperity is so clearly
demonstrated in the community as a
whole, there are still those who, in these
Christmas times are deprived of the
joys of the occasion, for even in the
best of times we are never without the
poor. It is to the credit of our people
that these things are not forgotten by
many, and it is safe to predict that in
many homes where suffering and sick-
ness, or other reverses, exist the sun-
shine of Christmas charity and cheer
will shed its light.

Not a Party Question.

The Register seems to take great
stock in continually referring to promi-
nent Republicans only as being op-
posed to the annexation of the Philip-
pines, as though the policy were al-
ready proposed to Congress, and that
the matter had become a party ques-
tion. In the first place, there is no pol-
icy yet officially suggested. It is a
question to be settled in the future
what shall be done with the Philippines.
In the second place, there are some
leading Democrats strongly favoring
such a policy, but the Register does not
inform its readers of the fact.

It is not a party question, the matter
of arranging governments for the terri-
tory controlled by this country as a re-
sult of the war; it is too serious a prob-
lem, one in which all the people are in-
terested, to be made a football of pol-
itics. Nobody but the Register seems to
be doing so. Parties are divided on
these questions, and no matter has
come before the public which is so free
from partisanship as this. It calls for
the best judgment of all parties, for the
legislators who represent the people,
aside from questions on which parties
are divided, and will be settled outside
of party lines after proper deliberation
and discussion.

Eminent men of all parties disagree,
but wise counsel and sound judgment
will prevail. Any effort to make a
party question of these questions would
utterly fail, and only cheap demagogues
and a few organs that cannot take a
broad national view of any public ques-
tion are attempting such a thing. When
votes are cast in Congress on these
matters looking to the settlement of
important questions we are obligated
by all rules of national honor to settle,
the Register may discover that abuse
of Republicans for having decided
views just as strongly reflects upon
men high in Democratic circles. It will
discover also that its construction of
honest differences between honorable
and sincere men as involving a doubt
on either side of the loyal Americanism
of the other side, or that the advocates
of territorial expansion necessarily re-
gard the opponents of such a policy as
"traitors" and "Spanish sympathizers,"
is a sort of demagoguery that has no effect
on intelligent people.

Our neighbor's despicable effort to
make it appear that supporters of cer-
tain policies regard Senators Hale and
Hoar, Mr. Carnegie, and others as
"traitors" and "Spanish sympathizers,"
is unworthy of any newspaper pub-
lished in America, where freedom of

discussion and opinion are among the
fundamental rights of citizens. These
distinguished men are simply opposed
to what they regard as a radical de-
parture from precedents and policies as
unwise. They were patriotic support-
ers of the war, and no man dares to
doubt their patriotism, or to accuse them
of "sympathy with Spain."

When the Register attempts to hold
these loyal Americans up as victims of
such attacks as it names, it is guilty of
the rankest kind of maliciousness. The
Intelligencer has said that the Register
placed itself on the level of European
sympathizers with Spain when it de-
nounced the terms of the peace treaty
as brutal, and the American demands
on Spain as more cruel than the de-
mands of ancient, semi-barbaric kings,
but the statesmen and leading men
who honestly differ on a question of
territorial policy are not engaging in
this sort of rant, and it is the height
of audacity and impudence for that or-
gan to class them in the same list with
itself.

What Kissing Did.
Lieutenant Hobson has fallen a vic-
tim to the kissing experiences which he
has had to endure from women ever
since he returned from the scene of the
Merrimac exploit. Personally he should
not have lost his popularity on account
of the osculatory demonstrations, for
which he was in no wise responsible.
He was utterly powerless to defend
himself, but it has been naturally sus-
pected that he made no special resis-
tance. He would not have been human
if he had done so, and nobody should
blame him for accepting the honors be-
stowed upon him from so many fair
lips. But Hobson's picture has been
the martyr called upon to suffer for the
real victim of this extraordinary en-
thusiasm.

A New York dispatch details that at
a warship exhibition in a music hall
Hobson's picture was hissed by the
audience on account of the kissing epi-
sodes in which the hero of Santiago
harbor has figured in his helplessness.
A howl of disapproval greeted its ap-
pearance on the screen and hisses
forced its withdrawal.

The women who brought all this
about cannot compensate Hobson for
losing his popularity for him. They
and they alone are responsible. It
should be a lesson to them. A naval
hero who risks his life to win fame
should not have it taken from him
through well meant but indiscreet dem-
onstrations by his female admirers. In
such a way the ambition of a lifetime
may be ruined.

Kissing is a good thing when kept
within its legitimate sphere, but when
it is promiscuous enough to jeopardize
the popularity of a national hero there
is a place to draw the line. Hobson's
experience should be a warning to other
military and naval heroes.

Able Statesmanship.
How does the United States get pos-
session of the Philippines by whipping
Spain, or by a treaty of peace with Spain
to which the Philippines were not a party?
—Parkersburg Sentinel.

Well, were the Puerto Ricans a party
to the treaty? Were the Cubans a
party? How does any country get pos-
session of a territory except by pur-
chase, or by whipping its owner, and
demanding it as an indemnity of war?
But the above is not the only absurd
proposition in the Sentinel's paragraph.
It goes on to say that the Philippines
didn't belong to Spain in fact; that the
insurgents "had declared their inde-
pendence, and a powerful army had set
up and put in operation a form of civil
government which" was recognized and
obeyed by the nations" (a rank false-
hood). Then comes the grave assertion
that if we ever get the Philippines it
will be by "conquest of the nations."

What nations? How all this sounds
coming from a paper that, like some
others, has been contending that the
Philippines are "uncivilized savages,"
incapable of self-government. It is
news to everybody that Spain did not
possess the Philippines, and that there
was another government there, com-
posed of savages, that "the nations of
the earth recognized and obeyed." The
profound ignorance of this Parkersburg
contemporary is about the most start-
lingly amusing thing that has yet come
to light in connection with war ques-
tions. The Sentinel is entitled to the
biggest leather medal for backwoods
statesmanship that the enterprising
citizens of Parkersburg can design.

Beware of the Grip.

Reports from many cities in all parts
of the country show that a grip epi-
demic prevails and that there is dan-
ger of it sweeping over the country.
The peculiar weather we have been
having has brought it on. In New
York, Philadelphia, Washington, many
Pennsylvania towns, and Massachu-
setts points, as well as many western
cities, the epidemic has assumed almost
as formidable proportions as it did ten
years ago.

Weather conditions throughout the
country are such that it behooves peo-
ple where the grip has not yet appeared
to exercise the greatest care against
exposing themselves to the damp, cold,
misty atmosphere which prevails daily.
Warm, dry clothing, and dry shoes are
essential as protections. Do not trifle
with a cold. Let Wheeling people take
warning.

In one or two Kansas cities the bar-
bers, who have been compelled by law
to close their shops on Sunday, have re-
taliated by introducing ordinances in
councils prohibiting every manner of
work on Sunday, including that of
preachers who draw salaries. The lat-
ter provision of the act will doubtless
make its failure of adoption absolutely
certain, as it should.

Elsewhere will be found a full and
complete statement of the circum-
stances of the legislative contest in
Taylor county and the status of the
case at present. It is written by a gen-
tleman who is thoroughly conversant
with all the details, and is interesting
because of the peculiar and unusual
circumstance which give the Republi-
cans the right of contest.

bus, Ga. There are also a number of
camp scenes. The reproductions are
excellent and show as handsomely a set
of men as will be found in any regiment
of the army. Camp life does not seem
to have affected them physically in an
unfavorable manner, but on the con-
trary has developed a healthy soldierly
appearance that ought to be most grati-
fying to their friends at home. The
familiar face of Surgeon Major H. B.
Baguley, of Wheeling, appears in the
group of staff officers, and the hand-
some appearance of Lieutenant Colonel
Smith, of Fairmont, so well known
here, embellishes the center of the pic-
ture.

The bath the streets have been
treated to by the fire department is re-
freshing and healthful. Keep it up; it
is a good thing.

The outlook for bright Christmas
weather is not excellent, but let us hope
for the best.

Can It Be Jealousy?
Philadelphia North American: With
the woman of the period making rapid
progress in almost every field in which
man labors, the action of the Chicago
& Northwestern railroad in discharging
all the women clerks and stenographers
in its employ will strike like a thunder-
bolt into the ranks of advanced femi-
ninity. Nor will there be any consolation
in the explanation which the com-
pany's officials give for this step, but
rather increased annoyance and alarm.
The road officials say the women in
their employ have been efficient, but it
is the custom of the road to advance
its employees from low positions to of-
fices of trust, and who, they ask, can
imagine a woman as general superin-
tendent or general manager of a great
railway system? We think we can see
many persons rise up and claim that
power of imagination, and, indeed, in
this age, when woman has accom-
plished so much, it does not seem im-
possible for her to rise even to the
presidency of a railroad company; and
we are not prepared to admit that she
would not satisfactorily, if not brilli-
antly, discharge the duties of the office.
But the officials of the Chicago &
Northwestern railroad are the best
judges of this, so far as their own road
is concerned. Can it be possible, we
wonder, that these men are jealous and
fear the very thing we have hinted at?
Perish the thought! But let the ad-
vanced woman be not dismayed. This
railroad isn't the whole thing. There
are others. The time may come when
some of our women-financiers may pun-
ish the Chicago & Northwestern for
this act, as financiers are sometimes
able to do.

Fully Equal to It.
Morgan Messenger: Last Saturday
the Ananias Wheeling Register pub-
lished an alarming story of how des-
perate the Republicans were and how
they intended to have three companies
of soldiers at Charleston in order to
help them "beat" the legislature, and
a whole lot more of such rot. Of
course no sensible man, Democrat or
Republican, will pay attention to such
"yellow journal" alarmists, as it is too
absurd to be reasonable. This great
hue and cry may be raised in order to
throw the Republicans off their guard,
but it won't work. It looks very much
as if these "fairly tales" published by
the Register as coming from Charle-
ston, Parsons, Philippi and other places,
were largely composed in the office of
that paper, as they are couched in very
much the same language. That paper
is fully equal to such things.

The World's Supply of Wheat.
An English expert prophesies a uni-
versal dearth in the wheat supply. He
claims that the wheat producing soil is
unequal to the strain that will be put
upon it. Even now when the world's
supply of the world is ample, thousands
of the best wheat fields are being con-
verted to other uses. He says that the
soil is becoming so exhausted that it
will be unable to produce food for the
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PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

Hibbler—"Does your novel end hap-
pily?" Scribner—"No; it's been re-
jected by every publisher."—Brooklyn Life.

"How well Mrs. Plolett holds her
age!" "Yes, she doesn't look a day
older than she says she is."—Indian-
apolis Journal.

Jamie—"Pa, what is 'less-majesty'?"
Pa—"That's the Latin way of calling
a crowned head a chump."—Cleveland
Leader.

"Kitt, how did you happen to give
me this pretty card-table?" "Why,
Jack, I needed one more for my euchre
club."—Chicago Record.

Injustice of Fate—"A man can't do
much without money." "No, and when
he has money he doesn't need to do
anything."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Exalted Ritualism—"Askins—"I am
told that your new rector is very high
church." Miss Church—"Indeed, he
is extremely high! He is so high that
he plays golf on Sunday afternoons!"—
Puck.

No Evidence of Fraud.

Moundsville Herald: The Echo and
Register have been howling that the
recount of the Davis and Dunlevy votes
was fraudulently conducted by the
county court. Judge Hervey after a
thorough examination of the ballots
says there was not the slightest evi-
dence of fraud or of fraudulent in-
terference on the part of the commissioners,
but that on the other hand there were
good grounds for all their actions. Why
do these papers refuse to publish Judge
Hervey's remarks about the work of
the commissioners? Do they still want
to deceive the people? Their criminal
course is thus made evident.

Bailey's Indignation.

Louisville Courier-Journal: Young
Bailey raged in the house Monday and
denounced as an "infamous liar" any
man who has said that young Bailey
was made a cat-sawp by Republicans
during the last session of congress. Mr.
Bailey's indignation is not unwarranted.
He was not made a cat-sawp by
Republicans. He made himself a cat-
sawp.

A Song that is Sung.

Only a bird! Not soaring to the sky,
In woodlands free, and meads aglow
with spring;
No room was there for songster blithe to
fly,
Where prison bars made mock of idle
day.

Only a bird! The prison bars were rent
By melody so clear and full and strong,
The jealous free bird chirped in discon-
tent.

And fled to hide the forest shades among.
Only a bird! Death came among our
group,
And ere we spake the "earth to earth"
again.

We tried to sing a hymn to give us hope
And comfort in the dreary hour of pain.
'Twas but a bird that put us all to shame,
That sang of peace and hope; when tears
made dim

The printed words, a flood of music came
From feathered throat, and God's voice
spoke through him.

Only a bird! Yet childish eyes are wet,
Now that the song is sung, the singer
dead,
And elder folks shall mourn the feathered
pet.

The timorous from their careless hands
has fled.
Only a bird! My lips the prayer repeat,
"When Death tears down my prison bars
I'll sing."

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sweet,
And find like favor in the sight of Thee."

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